

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

**Criminal No. 07-CR-290
(Hon. Frederick J. Scullin)**

**STEVE CHEVREFILS,
Defendant.**

REDACTED PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. As a result of defendant's guilty plea to Count 2 of Indictment No. 07-CR-290, which alleged forfeiture pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5332, and the defendant's admission of the forfeiture allegation set forth in Indictment, No. 07-CR-290, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States all of his right, title and interest in the **\$111,650.00 in United States Currency**, representing monies involved in or traceable to a violation of 31 U.S.C. §5332, as alleged in Indictment No. 07-CR-290, and
2. The Court has determined, based on evidence already in the record, including the defendant's plea of guilty, written plea agreement, and admission of the illegal acts alleged in the

Indictment No. 07-CR-290, that the following property is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(2), and that the government has established the requisite nexus between such property and such offenses:

A sum of money equal to \$111,650.00 in United States currency, involved in or traceable to the commission of the violations alleged in Indictment No. 07-CR-290

3. At the time of defendant, Steve Chevrefils' plea, on April 7, 2009, co-defendant Roxanne LeClerc, through her attorney, James R. McGraw, acknowledged that she does not have any financial interest in the subject currency and does not oppose the forfeiture of the \$111,650.00 in United States currency.

4. Upon the entry of this Order, the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement or any contractor acting on their behalf is authorized to seize the property set forth above.

5. Upon entry of this Order, the United States Attorney is authorized to conduct any discovery proper in identifying, locating or disposing of the property subject to forfeiture, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3).

6. Upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to commence any applicable proceeding to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Order.

7. The United States shall publish notice of the Order and its intent to dispose of the property in such a manner as the United States Attorney General or his designated representative, including the Secretary of Treasury, may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the subject

property.

8. Any person, other than the above named defendant, asserting a legal interest in any of the subject property may, within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his/her alleged interest in the subject property, and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(2), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) and (6).

9. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the subject property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in the subject property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

10. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(B) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues.

11. The United States shall have clear title to the subject property following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or, if none, following the expiration of the period provided in 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(2), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), for the filing of third party petitions.

12. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture shall become final as to the defendant at the time of sentencing, or before sentencing if the defendant consents, and shall be made part of the sentence and included in the judgment. If no third party files a timely claim, this Order shall become a Final Order of Forfeiture as provided by Fed. R.


Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2).

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

14. The Clerk of the Court shall forward six certified copies of this order to Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas A. Capezza, U.S. Attorney's Office, 218 James T. Foley Courthouse, 445 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207.

SO ORDERED:

Date: 4/21/09



Honorable Frederick J. Scullin, Jr.
U.S. District Court Judge